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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BOMBAY KARACHI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR QA

SUBJ: E&E PLANNING: DOHA

REF: A) STATE 204191; B) STATE 201367; C) STATE 199704

1. FOLLOWING FROM WHEELLOCK, DOHA, IN RESPONSE REFTELS:

2. SITUATION IN DOHA IS COMPLETELY CALM AND NORMAL.

GOQ HAS IMPOSED VERY TIGHT SECURITY. AS LONG AS EMBASSY IS OFFICIALLY WELCOME, OR ANY INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN IS ADMITTED, THERE SHOULD BE MINIMUM OF DANGER TO THEM FROM MOBS, ANTI-US ELEMENTS, ETC.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATE NEED FOR EVACUATION
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UNLESS SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD BREAK RELATIONS WITH USG, BRINGING PRESSURE ON GOQ TO TAKE SOME ACTION. IF CHARGE FORCE EVACUATE, OTHER AMCITS WOULD BE RELATIVELY SAFE IF THEY REMAINED SINCE THEY PRIMARILY INVOLVED IN WORK

ON PROJECTS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO GOQ. AMERICANS DO NOT
RPT NOT CONSTITUTE SIGNIFICANTLY LARGE AND VISIBLE SEGMENT
OF WESTERN COMMUNITY IN DOHA.

4. RE: PARA 2, REF A:

A) DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE FOR
USG TO MAKE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WARNING AMCITS AGAINST
TRAVEL TO QATAR. THOSE WHO PLAN VISIT ARE NORMALLY
EXPERIENCED ME HANDS WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE SOUND
DECISION BASED ON CURRENT SITUATION.

B) DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE PRIVATE AMCITS SHOULD BE
WARNED TO LEAVE. TOURISTS ARE VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN IN DOHA,
AND REMAINING FEW BUSINESS VISITORS ARE IN CLOSE
TOUCH WITH EMBASSY AND SITUATION.

C) DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE EVEN LIMITED EVACUATION WARRANTED.
IF EVAUCATION SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY, BELIEVE ALL
EVACUEES COULD BE ACCOMMODATED ON SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL
FLIGHTS.

5. CURRENT ESTIMATE TOTAL PRIVATE AMCITS WHO WOULD
REQUEST EVACUATION AT FIFTEEN TO TWENTY; TOTAL NUMBER TOUR-
ISTS ZERO TO FIVE. STOLTZFUS

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